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SUBJECT: GOL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN CONTROLLING TRAFFIC IN
DANGEROUS DRUGS

1. A LETTER FROM THE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER TO THE
AMBASSADOR, DATED JULY 19, 1978 REQUESTING ASSISTANCE
FROM THE U.S. IN THE CONTROL OF DANGEROUS DRUGS, IS REPEATED
IN FULL HEREWITH:

QUOTE:

MR. AMBASSADOR:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT THE
COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE OF THE REPUBLIC OF
LIBERIA MET WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
OF CUSTOMS AT THE RECENT MEETING OF THE CUSTOMS
COOPERATION COUNCIL HELD IN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM.
DURING AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE TWO
CUSTOMS OFFICIALS, THE PROBLEM OF THE LARGE INFLOW OF
DANGEROUS DRUGS INTO LIBERIA WAS BROUGHT TO THE
ATTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF
CUSTOMS. WE ARE INFORMED THAT THE UNITED STATES DEPUTY
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COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS SUGGESTED THAT THE LIBERIAN
GOVERNMENT MIGHT WISH TO APPROACH THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT FOR ASSISTANCE IN COMBATting THE ILLICIT
INFLOW OF DRUGS INTO LIBERIA THROUGH A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
PROGRAMME.
IN THIS CONNECTION, WE WONDER IF YOUR
EXCELLENCY'S GOVERNMENT WOULD KINDLY CONSIDER SENDING

TO LIBERIA A TEAM TO TRAIN SOME CUSTOMS OFFICERS LOCALLY
AS WELL AS TRAIN SOME LOCAL DOGS FOR THE DETECTION OF
DRUGS AT OUR VARIOUS PORTS OF ENTRY.

SINCERELY YOURS,

T. SIAFA SHERMAN
ACTING MINISTER

JULY 19, 1978

UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: ILLEGAL IMPORTATION OF AMPHETAMINES AND
CANNIBAS IS THE MAIN CONTROL PROBLEM FACING THE GOL.
WE UNDERSTAND HARD DRUGS (COCAINE, HEROIN) ARE AVAIL-
ABLE BUT THE PROBLEM DOES NOT SEEM TO BE A MAJOR ONE IN
THE SOCIETY. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT A CONTROL EX-
PERT BE SENT TO STUDY THE PROBLEMS HERE TO SEE
WHETHER THE SERVICES OF A TEAM WOULD BE USEFUL. WE
NOTE THAT THE PROBLEMS AT THE PORT OF MONROVIA, AND
AT ROBERTSFIELD, AND WITH CUSTOMS CONTROL ARE NOT LIMITED
TO DANGEROUS DRUGS BUT RELATE TO ALL ASPECTS OF PORT
MANAGEMENT.
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